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The meeting was called to order at 2.45 p.m.

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(a) DESIGNATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTS. 7.3 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE (continued)

1. The PRESIDENT said that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD had received a cable from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States requesting that the Board, at its present session, should grant observer status to the Arab Fund for Technical Assistance for African and Arab Countries and indicating that full information concerning the Fund would be forwarded to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. He suggested that the Board might wish to consider that application at the second part of its twenty-second session if, after examination of the Statutes of the Fund and other supporting material, the Secretary-General considered that the application should be brought to the Board's attention.

2. It was so decided.

SPECIFIC MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION REQUIRING ATTENTION OR ACTION BY THE BOARD AT ITS TWENTY-SECOND SESSION (agenda item 2) (continued)

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Conference resolution 151 (V): Protectionism and structural adjustment

3. The PRESIDENT recalled that the question of protectionism and structural adjustment had been referred to the President's Contact Group for consideration. As a result of the consultations held in the Contact Group and in a small working group, he was pleased to submit draft resolution TD/B/L.592, which appeared to have the agreement of all groups. He drew attention to the UNCTAD secretariat's statement of financial and administrative implications in document TD/B/L.592/Add.1 and noted that draft resolutions TD/(XXII)/C.1/L.1 and Corr.1 and L.3 had been withdrawn by their sponsors.

4. Draft resolution TD/B/L.592 was adopted, in the light of its financial implications.

Report of the Sessional Committee (TD/B(XXII)/C.1/L.1 and Add.1 and 2, TD/B/L.590)

5. Mr. KRASNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), speaking on behalf of Group D, pointed out that, in the last sentence of paragraph 36 of document TD/B(XXII)/C.1/L.1, the words "the interests of" should be added between the word "account" and the words "all groups". Furthermore, paragraph 41 of that document should be amended to read:

"At the Board's twenty-first session, the legal liaison officer of UNCTAD had agreed that one of the possible procedures proposed by the countries of Group D with regard to draft resolution TD/L.194, namely, to remit it to the Committee on Commodities, was correct. This continues to be one of the elements of Group D's position. On the other hand, the Board may decide to keep this item on its agenda."

6. Mrs. SELLAMI-MESSIEM (Algeria), Chairman of the Sessional Committee, introducing the report of the Committee, said that the Sessional Committee had been asked to consider agenda item 2, with the exception of Conference resolution 131 (V), and agenda item 8. Having concluded its work, the Committee submitted to the Board, for adoption, a draft resolution on development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.2); a draft resolution on issues in individual sectors and other areas of critical importance to developing countries (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.6); a draft resolution on restrictive business practices (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.7); and a draft decision on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.4).

7. The Sessional Committee had decided to recommend that the Board should remit draft resolution TD/L.195 entitled "Transnational corporations and international commodity trade" to its twenty-third session.

8. With regard to Conference resolution 109 (V) entitled "Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by regional intergovernmental organizations", the Sessional Committee had taken note of the progress report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD (TD/B/857) and had expressed the hope that the UNCTAD secretariat would finalize its studies for submission to the Board at its twenty-third session.

9. In conclusion of its work on Conference resolution 119 (V), the Committee had decided to recommend that the Board should defer consideration of the matter to its twenty-third session.

10. Unfortunately, the Committee had not been able to reach a conclusion concerning draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.3 entitled "Legislation and regulations on technology transfer", which had been submitted by Mexico on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 and referred to the President's Contact Group for consideration.

11. Under agenda item 8, the Sessional Committee had taken note of all the reports referred to it and had endorsed the resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions of the various committees.

Conference resolution 102 (V): Development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.2)

12. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board adopted draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.2.

13. Draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.2 was adopted.

Conference resolution 103 (V) - Restrictive business practices (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.7)

14. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board adopted draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.7.

15. Draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.7 was adopted.

Conference resolution 119 (V) - Protectionism in the services sector

16. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to defer consideration of that matter until its twenty-third session.

17. It was so decided.

Conference decision 132 (V) - Multilateral trade negotiations (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.4

18. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board adopted draft decision TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.4.

19. Draft decision TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.4 was adopted.

Draft resolution TD/L.195 on transnational corporations

20. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board wished to defer consideration of draft resolution TD/L.195 until its next regular session.

21. It was so decided.

Report of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade on the second part of its ninth session

22. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to adopt the Sessional Committee's recommendation that draft resolution TD/B/C.3/L.131 on insurance of projects financed by foreign aid or by loans should be referred to the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade at its next session, for further action.

23. It was so decided.

Report of the Committee on Shipping at its ninth session

24. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to endorse the action taken by the Sessional Committee, which had endorsed resolutions 35 (IX) and 38 (IX) and decisions 37 (IX) and 39 (IX) adopted by the Committee on Shipping at its ninth session.

25. It was so decided.

Report of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation on its seventh session

26. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to adopt the Sessional Committee's recommendation that it should endorse resolution 4 (VII) of the Working Group.

27. It was so decided.

Report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its third session

28. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board adopted draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.6 entitled "Issues in individual sectors and other areas of critical importance to developing countries".

29. Draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.6 was adopted.

Conference resolution 112 (V): Legislation and regulations on technology transfer (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.5; TD/B/C.6/L.26)

30. Mr. IDRIS (Sudan), introducing draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.5 on behalf of the Group of 77, said that, because the scientific and technological infrastructure of most developing countries, and of the least developed countries in particular, was very weak, the Group of 77 attached particular importance to the adoption of national laws and regulations on the transfer and development of technology. It had accordingly submitted draft resolution TD/B/C.6/L.26 at the third session of the Committee on Transfer of Technology. That draft resolution had been supported by the States members of Group B and by China, but, instead of recognizing that assistance to developing countries should be provided forthwith, Group B had proposed amendments to the draft resolution which required the preparation of studies to determine whether laws and regulations on technology were called for or not. Those amendments indicated that Group B was not prepared to move towards a consensus. That was a matter of great regret to the States members of the Group of 77, whose right to adopt such laws and policies on technology as they deemed necessary could not be contested.

31. The Group of 77 had hoped that the Sessional Committee would be able to reach agreement on draft resolution TD/B/C.6/L.26, but it had been disappointed by the non-co-operative attitude taken by the Group B countries. The Group of 77 had therefore had no alternative but to submit to the plenary of the Board, for consideration at the present session, draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.5, a revised version of draft resolution TD/B/C.6/L.26, which was now withdrawn by its sponsors. In a spirit of co-operation, the Group of 77 was prepared to defer consideration of draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.5 until the Board's twenty-third session, when it hoped that Group B would be able to agree to its adoption.

32. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board wished to defer consideration of draft resolution TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.5 until its twenty-third session.

33. It was so decided.

34. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to take note of the report of the Sessional Committee, as amended, and to decide that it should form an integral part of the Board's report on its twenty-second session.

35. It was so decided.

36. Mrs. FALAKAH (Palestine Liberation Organization) expressed appreciation to the UNCTAD secretariat for the efforts it was making to implement Conference resolution 102 (V) on assistance to national liberation movements in Africa and Palestine.

37. The study on assistance to the Palestinian people should examine the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and identify the main development problems and obstacles facing that people with a view to formulating proposals, in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, on assistance designed

to help the Palestinian people prepare for the stage when they achieved independence. The second progress report in document TD/B/637 was a positive step towards the implementation of Conference resolution 102 (V) and it was to be hoped that a preliminary report would be ready for submission to the Board at its twenty-third session.

38. The efforts being made by UNCTAD were, however, still not sufficient to meet the development needs of the Palestinian people inside and outside occupied Palestine. During the past year, the zionist occupant had continued its oppression of the Palestinian people and had taken further steps to annex more territories and confiscate land belonging to Arab citizens. In addition, the occupying Power was going ahead in the occupied territories and transferring it from Arab areas to illegally established settlements. It was also exploiting the Palestinian labour force by manipulating employment conditions. Many of the actions carried out by the zionist occupying Power were claimed to be justified on the ground that they were "necessary for the defence of Israel". Under the existing political and economic conditions in the occupied territories, Israel's use of natural resources was for the benefit of the Israeli economy alone. The Palestinian people were being forced to seek gainful employment for their own survival and Israel was jeopardizing their independent economic advancement. Consequently, large numbers of Palestinian workers had to seek employment in Israel, in other Arab countries or elsewhere.

39. The Organization, which was aware of the importance of social and economic development and of the need to prepare for liberation and the establishment of an independent Palestinian State, continued to hope that the international community would intensify the efforts it was making to assist the Palestinian people.

ADOPTION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF UNCTAD (agenda item 7) (continued)

40. The PRESIDENT said that, under item 7 and the question of the action to be taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/10 had been referred to the Contact Group of the President for further consideration by a Sub-Group of the Contact Group. As a result of the fruitful consultations held in the Sub-Group, the Board had before it draft resolution TD/B/L.[illegible], the statement of its financial implications (TD/B/L.[illegible]/Add.1) and draft decisions TD/B/L.[illegible] and L.[illegible], all of which had been endorsed by the Contact Group. He noted that, in paragraph 39 (i) of draft resolution TD/B/L.[illegible], reference should be made to paragraph 38, not to paragraph 31, and that, as a result of the agreement reached on that draft resolution and those draft decisions, the draft resolutions submitted to the Board at its twentieth session (TD/B/(XX)/RES/2-1/Rev.1, L.2 and L.3 and Corr.1) and the draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Sessional Committee at the twenty-first session (TD/B/[illegible], annex II) had been withdrawn by their sponsors.

41. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to adopt draft resolution TD/B/L.[illegible] and to take note of its financial implications.

42. Draft resolution TD/B/L.[illegible] was adopted, note being taken of its financial implications.

43. The PRESIDENT said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to adopt draft decisions TD/B/L.[illegible] and TD/B/L.[illegible].

44. Draft decisions TD/B/L.[illegible] and TD/B/L.[illegible] were adopted.

45. Ms. BEECH (United States of America), speaking on behalf of Group B, said that that Group welcomed the agreement reached at the session on a series of measures designed to rationalize the permanent machinery of UNCTAD. It viewed the resolution just adopted by the Board (TD/B/L.580) as an important step towards making UNCTAD a more effective and efficient organization. The measures provided for in the resolution represented a commendable basis for achievement of the common goal of strengthening UNCTAD. For example, paragraph 3 provided an effective way of organizing future sessions of the Board in order to focus greater attention on important issues. In addition, paragraph 10 constituted a framework for more effective consideration of interrelated issues by the main Committees in conjunction with the Board. Those procedures - building upon decisions already taken in Conference resolution 114 (V) - would make it possible effectively to deal with current issues and, as had been indicated by Group B in the consultations which had been held with the Secretary-General, represented a preferred alternative to the latter's proposal.

46. With regard to other issues under agenda items 7 and 11, Group B had been pleased to join in the decision on supplementary evening translation services and hoped that the services described in section I of document TD/B/840 would continue to be provided, as needed. The Group believed, however, that those services, as well as all the measures agreed upon in the resolution just adopted, should be carried out, to the extent possible, within existing resources. That was a reasonable expectation, since economies should be achieved through the implementation of a number of rationalization measures.

47. Group B looked forward to receiving at the next session of the Board a report from the Secretary-General on all possible ways of complying with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 35/10(A). It hoped that it would be possible to implement that resolution in a manner which would not undermine the decisions just taken to establish a stable calendar of meetings and to strengthen the Board. The best course of action might be to submit the report of the Board on its second regular annual session as an addendum to the report on the first regular session, as was envisaged in paragraph 4 of the General Assembly resolution.

48. Mr. SEKULIC (Yugoslavia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that UNCTAD had been the source of many bold and innovative ideas in the field of trade and development. A number of the basic concepts embodied in the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the establishment of a New International Economic Order had first been mooted in the organization. Apart from being a source of new thinking, UNCTAD had also provided a forum for deliberations, negotiations and review. That had been possible because the organization had been able to adapt itself to changing circumstances both in terms of institutional improvements and in terms of the issues before it.

49. However, member States had come to the conclusion that more comprehensive measures were required in order to rationalize UNCTAD and to make it more efficient. Much progress had been made along those lines since the fifth session of the Conference and the Group of 77 believed that the resolution just adopted by the Board constituted an important step forward. As the resolution itself stated, however, the measures and recommendations it contained were only a part of a continuing process of improving UNCTAD's effectiveness.

50. The Group accepted all the paragraphs of the resolution in the hope that they would be implemented fully and expeditiously. With reference to the question of office-bearers mentioned in paragraph 10 of the resolution, the Group of 77 considered that the President of the Board had a very important role to play and should not have to seek re-election during his term of office with the members of the Board. Regional consultations on the three candidatures of Brazil to the executive [illegible] appropriate previous level to resolve the [illegible] considerations.

51. On [illegible] a number of issues raised during the discussion had not been reflected in the resolution just adopted. It was hoped that the work done before the Group met in Vienna [illegible] which would enable positive and [illegible] could be translated into specific measures which all countries undertook to implement.

52. In conclusion, he expressed the Group of 77's appreciation of the supplementary assistance services provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva and hoped that they would be forthcoming when the situation was reviewed at the twenty-fourth session of the Board.

53. Mr. [illegible] (German Democratic Republic), speaking on behalf of the countries members of [illegible], said that they had actively participated in the elaboration of the resolution just adopted by the Group. In joining the consensus on that text, they had been motivated by their desire to see UNCTAD function in the most efficient manner possible and to ensure that its activities had a positive impact on the development of [illegible] trade and economic relations among all States, irrespective of their social or economic system. In their view, the agreement reached was an important step forward in efforts aimed at strengthening UNCTAD's role.

54. They continued to be of the opinion that the rationalization of UNCTAD's machinery should be achieved [illegible] the most effective use of the resources available to the organization, strengthening its main permanent organs, reducing the [illegible] and the duration of sessions, [illegible] goals and [illegible], simplifying the system of subsidiary organs of the Board and the main Committees, and improving methods of work. Rationalization should in no way depart from the basic principle of universality, which should be reflected in the composition of the secretariat, the documents prepared by it, and the activities of UNCTAD.

55. The countries for which he spoke believed that rationalization should not lead to additional financial implications. On the contrary, it should enable member States and the secretariat to make the most rational and effective use of the resources available to UNCTAD. They were therefore pleased to note from the statement of administrative and financial implications (TD/B/L. 6/Add.1) that the resolution might result in some savings.

56. Although the reservation just entered [illegible] to the draft resolution they had submitted at the twentieth session of the Board (TD/B/L.6), they nevertheless attached great importance to it. They did so on the understanding that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD would affirm the improvements in [illegible] called for. That, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolution 32/197, all steps would be taken to ensure that the principle of equitable geographical distribution was strictly observed in the recruitment of UNCTAD staff, particularly at the two level, and that,

in view of the Board's decision to strengthen the main committees, including their negotiating function, negotiating conferences would be convened only when the existing permanent bodies of UNCTAD were unable to handle the subject for negotiation. That would be fully in accordance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 (C).

57. Mr. [illegible] (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) said that his delegation welcomed the adoption of draft resolution TD/B/L.[illegible]. In the discussion of that text, in which his delegation had played an active part, it had been stressed that rationalization would enable UNCTAD to carry out its tasks more effectively and efficiently. The resolution did not, however, reflect all of the issues raised during the discussion. Nevertheless, he considered that it had been useful to raise those points and to draw the Secretary-General's attention to them.

58. Mr. [illegible] (United States of America) said that his delegation had accepted paragraph 3 of the resolution and agreed on the understanding that pre-conference documents prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat would be available to all member States and that the secretariat would continue to service only those pre-conference meetings of regional groups which were held in Geneva.

59. His delegation thanked the secretariat for the information contained in the statement of administrative and financial implications (TD/B/L.[illegible]/Add.1) and trusted that all expenditures resulting from the implementation of the resolution would be balanced by off-setting reductions to arise through the implementation of other rationalization measures. It hoped that the secretariat would be able to report to the Board, after a suitable interval, on savings achieved through the rationalization efforts.

60. With regard to the question of supplementary conference services, his delegation had joined in the adoption by consensus of draft decision TD/B/L.[illegible] in recognition of the importance of such services to the work of UNCTAD. It had done so, however, in the expectation that those services would be discontinued during periods of slack conference activity and in the hope that the need for such services would decline if UNCTAD was successful in drastically reducing or eliminating night meetings. His delegation also hoped that it would be possible to provide those services without any net increase in the United Nations conference service budget. It understood that the resolution on rationalization was a major step forward, but believed that much more could be done.

61. Mr. [illegible] (Philippines) said that he was one of those who found the word "rationalization" inappropriate, since, with all its faults, the existing machinery of UNCTAD could hardly be called irrational. General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) provided for constant review of the machinery of UNCTAD with a view to improving its effectiveness. He therefore preferred the words "improvement of the existing machinery of UNCTAD" to the word "rationalization".

62. One of the most important parts of draft resolution TD/B/L.[illegible], whose adoption he welcomed, was the section dealing with consultations. Full use should be made of the consultation machinery. Increased participation by permanent representatives, and the more constant availability to them of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, would contribute to the effectiveness of the machinery.

63. The PRESIDENT moved that the Board had concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

PROGRESS IN THE WORK OF UNCTAD IN GIVING ADVICE RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF SMALL AND LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES (agenda item 9) (continued) (TD/B/L.969)

64. The PRESIDENT said that in the light of discussions held in the Contact Group of the President, it was his understanding that agenda item 9, together with the draft decision in document TD/B/ .969, would be retained in the twenty-fourth session of the Board.

65. Mr. UTSI (Zambia) noted that the item had been before the Board for a number of years and expressed concern at the way in which it had been treated within the permanent machinery. Referring to General Assembly resolution 32/185 and Conference resolution 131 (V), he said that in his delegation's opinion, the secretariat had not provided sufficient support to the preparation of the Board's consideration of the matter. His delegation therefore suggested that in postponing the item until the twenty-fourth session, it should be instructed that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD should consult the member Governments particularly interested in the matter and the Committee for Development Planning, which might offer some constructive ideas on ways in which work on it might be continued.

66. It was to be hoped that the documentation for the twenty-fourth session would be of better quality and the progress of those various discussions by member Governments in that connexion. In conclusion, he hoped that his statement would be fully reflected in the Board's report and taken into account by the secretariat in preparing the documentation for that session.

67. The PRESIDENT said that due note had been taken of the point raised by the representative of Zambia.

68. In the absence of objection, he would take it that the Board decided to retain the item, together with the draft decision in document TD/B/L.969, on the twenty-fourth session.

69. It was so decided.

OTHER BUSINESS (agenda item 11) (continued)

Arrangements for review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy (TD/B/L.971)

70. The PRESIDENT said that, following consultations with the co-ordinators and in the Contact Group, he submitted to the Board draft decision TD/B/L.971 on arrangements for review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy.

71. In the absence of objection, he would take it that the Board decided to adopt the draft decision.

72. It was so decided.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (agenda item 4) (continued):

(d) PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION (TD/B/L.565)

73. The PRESIDENT drew attention to the draft provisional agenda contained in document TD/B/L.565 and pointed out that, in view of the agreement reached at the present session, the square brackets enclosing item 5 in that agenda should be deleted.

74. It was his understanding that item 5 on the question of debt should read in exactly the same way as it had for the twenty-second session of the Board, i.e. "Implementation of Trade and Development Board resolution 165 (S-IX) on the debt and development problems of the developing countries". In addition, item 6 should be completed by the addition of the words "plan, date and duration". In view of the decision just adopted by the Board in connexion with the review of the International Development Strategy, he suggested that the Board should include in the provisional agenda an item entitled: "Arrangements for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade".

75. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board decided to adopt the draft provisional agenda contained in document TD/B/L.565, amended as he had indicated, and to entrust to the President, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, to adjust the agenda to the theme of development.

76. It was so decided.

77. The PRESIDENT said that if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board wished to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult with delegations regarding the organization of work of the Twenty-third session and to circulate the suggestions received.

78. It was so decided.

PROGRAMME OF WORK, PRIORITIES, AND PROGRAMME BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS (agenda item 10) (continued):

(a) REVIEW OF THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (TD/B/L.[illegible] and Add.1-3; TD/B/(XXII)/CRP.3)

79. The PRESIDENT invited the Board to consider the proposed calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1981 and the provisional schedule of meetings for 1982 (TD/B/L.565 and Add.1-3; TD/B/(XXII)/CRP.3). He drew attention to the fact that the representative of Saudi Arabia had proposed that the Investment in connection with certain dates in the calendar of meetings that coincided with Islamic holidays. The matter would be taken up in the normal consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the calendar of meetings and the points would be taken note of by the secretariat in preparing a future calendar.

80. Mr. [illegible] (Director, Division for Programme Support Services) said that from current estimates it appeared that the [illegible]. He understood that there was no difference for scheduling the midpoint dates of 25 June-3 July 1981 for the Trade Negotiating Committee and Trade Efficiency, and for scheduling the second part of the

89. The PRESIDENT said that, at the time of the Board's adoption of the report of the Sessional Committee, the Rapporteur had drawn his attention to the fact that what appeared in document TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.1/Add.1 as paragraph 19 should have been placed immediately after paragraph 17. An appropriate correction would be made.

89. He invited the Board to consider, document by document, the different sections of the draft report (TD/B/L.504 and addenda), which would form part of its seventeenth annual report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

Document TD/B/L.504

90. Document TD/B/L.504 was adopted.

Document TD/B/L.504/Add.1

91. Mr. KOBAYASHI (Japan) observed that the general statement he had made on behalf of Group B, which appeared in addendum 2, had been delivered before the general statements of the Group of 77 and China, which appeared in addendum 1. He would like the sequence of delivery to be observed in the report.

92. The PRESIDENT said that the sequence would be changed accordingly.

93. Document TD/B/L.504/Add.1 was adopted.

Document TD/B/L.504/Add.2

94. Mr. BARROS-ORTEIRO (Uruguay), Rapporteur, said that the representative of Group D had submitted amendments to paragraphs 19 and 55 for incorporation in the final version of the report.

95. Mr. KOUSHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the word "problems" and the word "supplies" in the first sentence of paragraph 26 should in each case be replaced by the word "prices".

96. It was so agreed.

97. Document TD/B/L.504/Add.2, as amended, was adopted.

Document TD/B/L.504/Add.3

98. Mr. OREIBI (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) asked why the words "Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries", in paragraph 16, were in square brackets.

99. The PRESIDENT said that the contents of the paragraph would be verified and amended as appropriate.

100. Document TD/B/L.504/Add.3 was adopted on that understanding.

Document TD/B/L.504/Add.4

101. Mr. BARROS-ORTEIRO (Uruguay), Rapporteur, said that the representative of the USSR had submitted amendments to paragraph 29 which would be incorporated in the final version of the report.

102. Subject to those amendments, document TD/B/L.504/Add.4 was adopted.

Document TD/B/L.584/Add.5

103. Mr. BAJWA (Pakistan) suggested that the words "speaking on behalf of the Group of 77" should be inserted after the words "The representative of Jamaica", in paragraph 11.

104. It was so agreed.

105. Document TD/B/L.584/Add.5, as amended, was adopted.

106. The draft report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

107. Mr. MORIMASHI (Japan), speaking on behalf of Group B, said that he wished to convey to the UNCTAD secretariat the Group's appreciation of the efforts which had been made to produce documents in time for the present session. Group B hoped that that achievement was a sign of the way the secretariat's work would be carried out in future.

108. Mr. GARCIA REYNOSO (Mexico), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the Group was grateful to the President for his effective leadership of the difficult negotiations on the question of protectionism and structural adjustment. Those negotiations should not, however, have given rise to so many problems because the draft resolution submitted by the Group of 77 (TD/B(XXI)/SC.III/L.1 and Corr.1) had been based entirely on Conference resolution 131 (V), which had been adopted without dissent at Manila. Difficulties could also have been avoided if Group B had continued to regard Conference resolution 131 (V) as a true expression of their views. It had been the spirit of compromise and the flexibility shown by the Group of 77 that had led to the adoption at the present session of the draft resolution submitted by the President (TD/B/L.592) and to the agreement by the Group of 77 that consideration of the draft decision on island developing countries (TD/B/L.590) and the draft resolution on legislation and regulations on technology transfer (TD/B(XXII)/SC/L.3) should be deferred until the Board's next session.

109. Mr. ZEMLA (Czechoslovakia), speaking on behalf of Group D, said that the most serious and important matters discussed at the current session had included agenda items 3 and 4, in connection with which all groups of countries had had an opportunity to express their views on the problems of the world economy and, in particular, on the economic development of the developing countries. Other important issues considered had been Conference resolution 131 (V) on protectionism and structural adjustment and the question of the rationalization of the permanent machinery of UNCTAD. Group D was of the opinion that the adoption of draft resolution TD/B/L.592 would pave the way for future progress in the solution of problems relating to protectionism and structural adjustment. It also considered that, although the Board had not been able to solve a number of other problems, good use had been made of the time available during the session to clarify views and create appropriate conditions for future negotiations.

110. Mr. ZHAO Gongda (China) said that, in dealing with a number of difficult questions and reaching a measure of agreement on certain matters, the Board had successfully carried out the tasks assigned to it by the agenda for the session.

111. The PRESIDENT declared the first part of the twenty-second session closed.

The meeting rose at 13.40 a.m. on Saturday, 21 March 1981.